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LETTER DATED 19 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the unofficial translation of the note verbale dated 22 April 1992, concerning the abduction of four personnel of the Iranian ground forces by the Iraqi military on 31 March 1992, from the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office of the Secretary-General in Iran.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Note verbale

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the Secretary-General in Iran and has the honour to report that:

On 31 March 1992, private Mojtaba Zolfaghari, one of the soldiers of the Islamic Republic of Iran's ground force, was kidnapped in Sumar by Iraqi forces.

Subsequently, second sergeant Sohrab Shafi-ian, private Behrouz Zareienia and private Adel Validi, who called on Al-Samoud sentry post to take back the soldier, were also taken captive by the Iraqi forces stationed at the sentry post.

In a formal note to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protested such an unfriendly act which is inconsistent with good-neighbourly relations, emphasizing the responsibility of the Iraqi Government for the well-being and preservation of the rights of the above-mentioned persons, demanding their immediate release and return to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It would be appreciated if the United Nations Office of the Secretary-General in Iran could follow up the matter and take necessary measures to ensure the safety and rights of the above-mentioned individuals as well as securing their immediate release and repatriation and to inform the Foreign Ministry of the outcome of its efforts.

Tehran

22 April 1992

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